Bhubaneshwar with the assistance of Non-Resident Indians;

(b) if so, the details of Non-Resident Indians who are going to set up that hospital;

(c) the expected time of the completion of that hospital; and

(d) the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (DR. C. SILVERA): (a) to (d) Government have approved a proposal of M/s Orissa Heart Institute Private Limited for setting up of a hospital in Bhubaneshwar with the participation of two Non-Resident Indian investors from U.S.A. The project was to commence in 1993. The proposal envisages setting up of a Heart Hospital with 100 per cent foreign equity participation of Rs. 300 lakhs. The hospital would have advanced facilities including specialities of Cardiac diagnostic wing, advanced cathetherisation laboratory and modern operation theaters to carry out open heart surgeries, by pass surgeries and closed heart operations.

News item regarding Heart Disease in Delhi

1178. SHRI BISHAMBHAR NATH PANDE: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news item appearing in Hindustan Times dated 17th June, 1994 under the caption 'Heart disease on the rise in Delhi' stating that Delhites have become three times more prone to coronary heart disease, obesity and diabetes in the last three decades according to the study conducted by WHO; and

(b) if so, what steps Government are taking to change the food habits of the people of Delhi to save them from heart disease?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (DR. C. SILVERA): (a) and (b) Information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Difference of opinion amongst members of panel on National Population Policy

1179. SHRI J. S. RAJU: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there is a serious difference of opinion amongst the Members of the National Population Policy Panel over the final shape of the report and as a result thereof two members have decided to quit the panel alleging that the report in its final form was distorted;

(b) whether it is also a fact that the seven women's organisations have also protested against the report dubbing it as anti-SC/ST and Women; and

(c) if so, what are the details in this regard?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI PABAN SINGH GHATOWAR): (a) Government has not been intimated of differences amongst Members nor of any intention to quit the panel.

(b) and (c) According to newspaper reports which appeared after submission of the Report, some members of the Group as well as Women's Organisations have criticised the recommendations of the Group of Experts which was constituted to prepare a preliminary draft of the National Population Policy.

गर्भवती महिलाओं में एनीमिया को रोकने के लिए उठाए गए कदम

1180. श्रीमती सरला माहेश्वरी :

क्या स्वास्थ्य और परिवार कल्याण मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या यह सच है कि भारत में गर्भवती महिलाओं में एनीमिया का प्रतिशत विश्व के किसी भी अन्य देश की तुलना में अधिक है ;

(ख) यदि हां, तो इसके लिए उत्तरदायी प्रमुख कारणों के संबंध में कोई अध्ययन किया गया है;